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HOW JERUSALEM LOOKED LAST WEEK — Snow on Zion square corner Ben Yehuda Street.

TERRORISTS CONSPIRE IN CAIRO

Tel Aviv (JCNS) — The three-day secret conference, which took place in Cairo last week to co-ordinate the activities of teror organisations operating in occupied territories did not achieve its aim of creating a unified underground organisation.

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However, the Arab representatives envisaged the creation of a co-ordinating body to improve the effectiveness of sabotage activities inside Israel although they would not be able greatly to develop their scope.

Of the known 15 terror groups in Arab-held territories, twelve were invited to attend the Cairo conference. Only eight did so. Those not invited are believed to be minor groups.

The El Fatah group took part in organising the conference, while the Palestine Liberation Organisaton sent representatives.

Commentary

by M.J. NURENBERGER

OTTAWA SEEN FROM JERUSALEM

Now that the Israeli Prime Minister has returned home, public opinion in his country analyzes the results of this important political tour. How successful was Eshkol? What did he achieve at the LBJ ranch? What is the meaning of his friendly talks with Wilson and Brown in London? What is the significance of his talks with Pearson and Martin in Ottawa?

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Probably the diplomatic, secret deals, if any, will not be known for a long time. It is obvious to every student of such delicate negotiations that whatever Eshkol attained in the United States will be kept secret. It also is clear, as one Israeli leader declared last week: Eshkol had the opportunity to meet Johnson as the Prime Minister of a country that won a war without any foreign help and that was able to contain Russian expansion in the Middle East. For no matter how one slices the oake, the United States President cannot forget that the most important problem at this moment is Russian influence in the Mediterranean.

Those in the know realize it is not Israel that caused Russia's occupation of certain Arab countries from the Maghreb to the eastern Mediterranean but Israel's presence and heroism that put the brakes on Soviet total occupation of the area.

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However the surprise among Israel's political commentators is not the partial acknowledgement of a debt the United States owes Israel for its gallantry but the warm reception in "neutral" Ottawa where both Prime Minister Pearson and Foreign Minister Martin stressed their interest in Arab-Israeli talks.

Now that the communique issued in Ottawa is public knowledge, I must say that Secretary Martin definitely kept his word concerning Israel despite some cynical remarks about him.

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During my interviews with Mr. Martin, he interpreted several times his position of supporting the UN mediator resolution: the mediator must bring together the two parties in conflict. I note that Mr. Martin continues to stand by this decision, according to the official communique.

As an editorial writer of a Hebrew daily (of one of the coalition parties) in Tel Aviv says: "The Canadian statement (following the Eshkol talks) is in full accordance with Israel's interpretation of Dr. Jarring's mission: to bring the two parties together for direct talks."

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Thus Israel found in Mr. Martin a disinterested friend who, according to the loftiest tradition of Canada, dares insist that peace must be preceded by contact between the parties involved.

This Israeli opinion of Canada and its present foreign policy should be stressed at this moment for Canada supports peace, is pursuing peace, is laboring for peace. And those who love Canada are pround of Ottawa's leadership in the battle for peace.

Israeli Parties Merge

WILL CANADIAN GROUPS UNITE?

ALL LABOR ZIONIST GROUPS HERE MAY FOLLOW EXAMPLE

by the CJN reporter

Now that three Israeli political parties have merged into the new Labor Party of Israel, the question posed here is whether the merger also will influence those groups here sharing the philosophy of the respective organizations in the Jewish state.

On Sunday Israel's new Labor Party was created in Jerusalem at the convention held at the National Convention Center in the presence of two-thousand delegates of the following three parties: Mapai; Rafi; Ahdut Avoda. Together they with their Arab allies will control 59 seats in Israel's 120-member parliament.

Mapai is the party of Premier Eshkol; Rafi is Moshe Dayan's party; Ahdut Avoda is the group headed by Yigal Allon. These are the three chief contenders for the premiership when the present government is dissolved.

The emergence of this united party may bring about the passing of a new election law which would establish a two-party system in Israel.

Now the non-Socialist parties will have to unite in order to survive. The same also applies to the religious groups.

This event furthermore may cause the end of coalition governments and establish majority rule. Should the Mapam, the extreme left Socialist party, join the new united Labor Party, then it would have absolute majority in the present Knesset and definitely would enforce a new election law.

The Zionist groups in Canada supporting the political parties now united in Israel soon may begin discussions to merge here as well. How long these negotiations will protract no one knows.

DIPLOMATS SAY

PEARSON WILL BECOME WORLD'S NO.1 PEACEMAKER

by the CJN diplomatic editor

Will Lester B. Pearson reemerge as world mediator for peace? Will the present Prime Minister of Canada famous as a Nobel Prizewinner for Peace, dedicate himself to the ending of the cold war and to Middle East peace when he retires in April?

These questions creep up in many capitals these days as diplomats evaluate Canada's persistent though discreet activities both in southeast Asia and the Middle East.

Prime Minister Pearson is respected as a man of peace. It is known that he has discussed a new UN role in the Near East with Prime Minister Eshkol. His interest in terminating the Vietnam war is as strong as ever. Diplomats say Lester B. Pearson still is the idealist he was before he became a politician and a statesman.

Also it is hinted Pearson will not retire upon the official retirement as political leader of Canada; he certainly will begin a new career as the top peacemaker of the world.

Of course, no one in an official position in Ottawa or elsewhere would confirm or deny these rumors.

WILL HE BECOME THE PEACEMAKER? — Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson

SYNAGOGUE DAUBED

Buenos Aires, (JCNS) — The walls of the Bet-El synagogue (Conservative) here, were daubed with swastikas and the slogans "Death to Jews."

Daia, Argentine Jewry's representative body, lodged a complaint with the police who promised to investigate.

INTERVIEW WITH HUSSEIN REPRESENTATIVE

by Atallah Mansour

ARABS TALKING PEACE

The interview was not planned in advance and no meeting had been fixed. In the course of a visit to friends in one of the "cities which were Jourdanian until June 5", I was surprised to find myself in the company of a young and beautiful woman, who remarked during a political conversation: "Tomorow, when I return to Amman..."

After a few minutes I learnt an interesting fact—the beautiful young woman had crossed into Israeli-held territory with her husband and two children in order to visit her family and celebrate with them the Moslem feast of Id el Fitr, which marks the end of Ramadan, the month of fasting.

The woman introduced herself as the sister of a central personality in the Jordanian Government. Her husband is nothing less than the director of an important royal office in Jordan.

Both of them, like the rest of the people in the room, knew that they were speaking to an Israeli journalist, and even though I did not take notes, it seemed to me that they expected me to publish what they said.

However, in order not to harm my hosts and their relations and guests, I shall not mention names.

"What is happening in Israel?" King Hussein's man asked. I told him of the approval a few days before of a new national Budget providing, among other things, for the investment of millions of Israeli pounds in East Jerusalem and in services in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

He laughted and said that what I had just told him seemed like propaganda. I replied: "Israel has taken her decision and is preparing for the coming year. Now, we are waiting for decisions from Amman."

The Jordanian was sure that no decisions would be taken in Amman. In the Jordanian capital, he said, they were waiting for a decision at the United Nations in New York or in Washington, or else someone in some other foreign capital would decide to bring pressure on Israel and achieve her withdrawal.

From which areas? From all of them, was the excited reply. Well, if he believed that Israel would withdraw from all the occupied territories, did this also include Jerusalem?

My fellow guest replied that Israel could not expect the Moslem world to agree to Israeli domination of Moslem holy places. If Israel insisted on this, she would be inviting "Moslem Crusades."

But Israel was prepared to guarantee free access to the holy places to every Moslem wishing to visit them and pray there, I told him. This was not enough, he said. The matter was a vital one to the Arab Moslem world; Jerusalem must return to Arab-Moslem possession.

All Jerusalem? No, the western half of the city could remain in Israeli hands. Then what? Would fences be put up between the two halves of the city?

No, there would not be new fences. "We are ready to accept the notion of turning Jerusalem into an open city."

If that was the case, were the Arab countries united enough and their Governments stable enough to guarantee such an arrangement? "The Hashemite Government is no less stable than the Israeli Government," was the immediate reply.

I remainded him of what happened ten years earlier, when Iraqi troops had entered Jordan "in order to help her in the face of the Israeli danger."

Then, they had travelled via Baghdad, assassinating the Hashemite family and their collaborators there, and proclaiming a republic. Moreover, the Saud family had ejected the Hashemites from the Hejaz only a few decades ago.

His confidence remained unshaken. "I cannot tell you everything, but conditions have changed." Then I mentioned the Syrians. The Baath Party had made no secret of its intentions of sweeping away "reactionary regimes."

At this, he could not contain himself. "The Baath Party is nothing more or less than a Zionist party," he raged. "The Syrian Government is mainly composed of agents of Israel. Why did not Israel capture Damascus?"

She did not capture Cairo or Amman either, I pointed out. "But she should have captured Damascus, just the same," he repeated, "and if she did not, then it is a sign that there was co-operation and that the Syrians began everything. They provoked Gamal Abdel Nasser and forced him to act prematurely."

But the Jordanian radio itself had engaged in provocation against Nasser a year ago, calling him an appeaser and a defeatist.

King Hussein's man attempted to justify himself. "A year ago, the man who directed Jordan radio was taking bribes from Saudi Arabia. You cannot imagine how much the Saudis paid out in bribes in Jordan."

And today? "We have put our house in order." Oh. Well, was there any intention to make contact with Israel and begin peace talks?

Peace? Talks? Certainly not. "We are waiting for friendly foreign circles in the West to put pressure on Israel to withdraw as a quid pro quo for a renunciation by us of our state of belligerency. After this, it will be possible to progress towards a solution of the refugee problem and the establishment of peace.

These words did not give much ground for optimism, I told him. He stood his ground, however.

The young woman, who had sat and listened all the time, burst out: "And shall we not be able to visit our families across the border?"

We both agreed that the border would apparently not be closed again, even if a settlement was a long time coming.

My meeting with the Jordanian couple had been possible because of the "open frontier" which exists today.

Thousands of inhabitants of the West Bank have visited their relatives with the full knowledge of the regime across the river, and Jordanians, though fewer of them, have paid visits from the East.

This should bring people on both sides of the border to a recognition of the idea that a settlement and peace are imperative.

(Mr. Mansour is an Arab-Israeli journalist writing for JCNS from Jerusalem)

Describes Cairo horrors

London, (JCNS) The Chief Rabbi of Alexandria, now released and expelled from Egypt with a large "J" on his passport, has given further details of the barbarous treatment meted out to Egyptian Jews for no other offence then being Jewish. Tortures, degradation, incarceration in desert Buchenwalds from which those who emerge broken and penniless will be the luckier ones—all this is taking place today in a member-State of the United Nations. Where are the protests? Where is the indignation which is displayed when Whites rule Blacks, when Communists imprison writers, when Arab refugees flee from the consequences of their own leaders' evil policies?

The unfortunate truth is that they are all silent. Persecution of Jews by Arabs, however vicious, does not qualify for the highly selective indignation of the protest organisers nowadays. The community in this country has much to do to bring the matter home and ask its alleged friends and conscience-owners to make clear where they stand. The matter must not be allowed to rest; we cannot go on mourning the six million martyrs while allowing new martyrdom to proceed unchecked.

LEWIN URGES ORTHODOXY SUPPORT ISRAELI EMERGENCY FUND

The problem of Aliya, of encouraging Jews in the affluent countries to emigrate to Israel, is a serious one and should be approached from the viewpoint of one's personal readiness to live in the Holy Land. Israel must offer the newcomer this spiritual and cultural attraction in the purest sense of the word, which a Jew lacks in the Diaspora. Otherwise Aliya will remain idle talk.

This was the gist of one of the most brilliant addresses recently heard in Toronto. It was made by Rabbi Itche Meir Lewin, world president of Agudat Israel and former Israeli Minister of Social Welfare, one of the sages of modern Israel.

Rabbi Lewin spoke to an overflow audience at Toronto's Torath Emeth Jewish Center Saturday night. His address held all spellbound till 1:00 a.m.

A formre leader of orthodox Jewry in Poland, Rabbi Lewin made the follow-point. Jews in the Diaspora must continue to support the Israel Emergency Campaign because of security reasons. At the same time they must demand that the Holy Land be governed according to Jewish tradition. Only a Holy Land will attract Jewish immigrants from the West.

Chairman of the meeting was Rabbi Chaim Nussbaum. Among those who welcomed the eminent guest were Rabbi Gedalia Felder and Rabbi Mordecai Ochs.

FORMAN TO BE INSTALLED

Rabbi Emanuel Forman, new spiritual leader of Toronto's Shaarei Shomayim, Canada's largest orthodox synagogue, will be installed formally during the Dedication Weekend which takes place February 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

The Dedication Weekend promises to become one of the outstanding events in Toronto's Jewish Community life this season. Internationally known Jewish leaders, both lay and spiritual as well as musicians of note in the field of liturgy, will participate in the program. (More on synagogue page.)

ISRAELIS RETURN HOME

Jerusalem, (JCNS) — Some 77 per cent of the 350,000 Israelis who emigrated during the State's first 10 years have since made their way back, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported this week.

While the bulk of the people returning ended their self- imposed exile within that decade, others are still coming every year. In 1966, 1,189 returned in Israel.

ARAB TERRORISTS ON TRIAL IN LYDDA. — They planted bomb in Jerusalem house.

ISRAELI FACES "ZIONIST" PROBLEMS

Exclusive report from Tel Aviv by our correspondent Moshe Ron

Tel Aviv. — The management of the Jewish Agency, together with representatives of the Government, are discussing the problems of immigration and absorption of Aliya. Some Agency members have come to the conclusion that the prevailing system of immigration and absorption in the country have not shown the expected results. Moreover last changes in the management of the Jewish Agency and the formation of a Committee of Three to take care of these problems have helped very little. Thus a new system apparently is required.

Mrs. Golda Meier, Yitzhak Ben Aharon and others here think that the Jewish Agency by itself is unable to solve these problems. Therefore they propose that all preparations and projects for Aliya and absorption be made by a special Minister of the Government; representatives of the Jewish Agency should carry out these projects, helped and supervised by this Ministry. Meanwhile it still is not known who the candidate of this post will be provided it materializes.

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Yitzhak Korn, chairman of the Committee for Coordination of the next Zionist Congress, has proposed two institutions: a Zionist executive institution to assume the care of Aliya, education and campaign problems in the Diaspora; an office of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem for all other Agency problems.

However this proposal was not accepted. Representatives of the Zionist movement abroad are opposed to divide the management of the Jewish Agency. On the other hand, there is the possibility of liquidating the management of the Jewish Agency in America, which includes Rose Halperin, Dr. Emanuel Newman, Rabbi Mordecai Kirshenblum, Mrs. Sirkin and Dr. Yosef Shechtman.

There are Zionist leaders who feel it illogical that the Jewish Agency in America should be run by people who have no intention to live in Israel, thus discouraging others from Aliya. Rabbi Kirshenblum, for one, plans to settle in Israel. He already has rented an apartment in Jerusalem.

Difficulties in forming the new management of the Jewish Agency are foreseen. This time there will be ten members representing all parties. Mapai, which now has five members, must content itself with three.

There are rumors that Eliyahu Dobkin has decided to discontinue his membership in the management. At the moment it is clear that Pincus and Harkabi will remain. The third members will be either Abraham Zigel or Dr. Raanan Weitz. One proposal is for Pincus to relinquish his post as treasurer of the Agency, remaining only to chair the Agency and head the Aliya department.

Leib Dolcin has been suggested as treasurer. Mapdal (Mizrachi and Hapoel Hamizrachi) has been represented up to now by three members: Rabbi Kirshenblum, S. Z. Shragai; Bat Aryeh.

Since Kirshenblum will live in Israel, he may become a member of the Agency or be elected president of the World Mizrachi. Zvi Luryeh will remain the representative of Mapam; Josef Klarman, of Herut.

All groups of the General Zionists will be represented by three members: Dr. Israel Goldstein; Leib Dolcin, Yitzhak Arzi. Rose Halperin, Peri and Haim Levanon will not be candidates.

Zivia Lubetkin will remain the representative of Ahdut Avoda though the party prefers Ben Aharon should he agree. What will become of the ex-Rafi group after the merger still is uncertain. It probably will demand one representative in the organization. Dr. Goldman's experiment to enlarge the management by adding representatives of other countries has failed.

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The date of the forthcoming Congress still is benig discussed. Originally plans were made for it to take place on February 19th. But Dr. Goldman and some members of the Agency insisted on June 9th, which date was agreed upon.

Now, it is said, the Congress cannot take place at that time. For, according to regulations of the Zionist Organization, at least every three years a Congress should be held; the three years terminated in December.

The final date will be decided upon by the Zionist Action Committee.

Aside from this, June will be a very busy month in Israel. Some international and Israeli celebrations relating to the twentieth anniversary of the State of Israel will take place.

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CONVENTION DELEGATE. — Mrs. Benjamin Hillman, one of the Toronto delegates who attended the Hadassah-WIZO convention in Montreal recently. Other ladies who attended from Toronto are Mesdames J. C. Zacks, S. Wise, A. Small, L. J. Samuels, B. Periman, M. A. Levy, G. Gordon. Wolfe Goldberg, S. Freedhof, H. Farber. Also Mesdames P. Dolgoff, J. Devor, W. Gold, Arnold Epstein, A. B. Bennet, J. Beckerman and national officers as well as other members.

ARAB PROPAGANDA IN ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires (JCNS) — A new magazine "Causa Arabe" (The Arab Cause) was published in Spanish here, presumably by the Arab League.

The first issue appears to be much more moderate than "Nacion Arabe" which was edited three years ago by Hussein Triki the former Arab League representative in Argentina who was expelled for his extremist anti-Jewish propaganda.

The new magazine, however, contains a number of strong anti-Zionist articles, including one entitled "De Gaulle against the Zionists" and another "Resistance against the Israeli invaders."

There are about one million Arabs living in Argentina, but their influence is far less than of the half-million Argentine Jews.

Israel's 20th Anniversary

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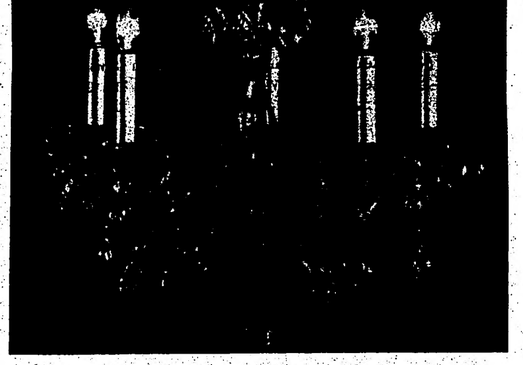

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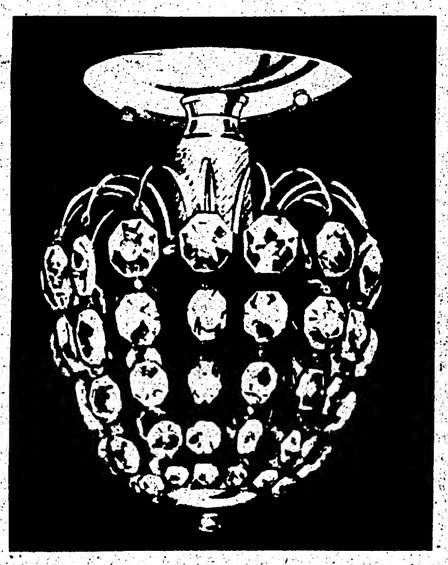

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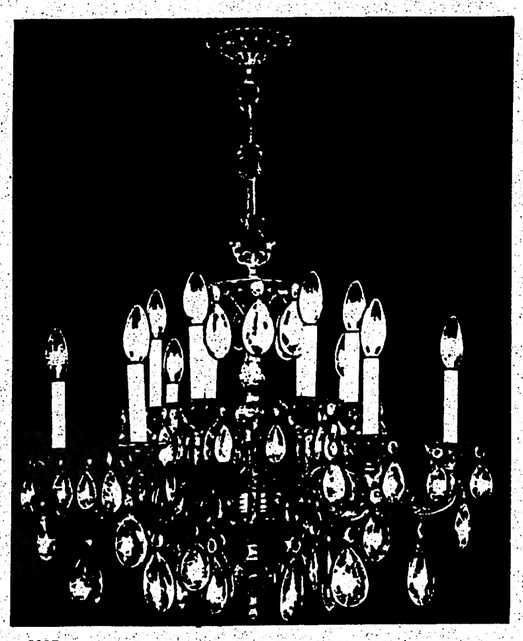

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OPINIONS

North American Jewry, - what next?

FOR THE INTEGRITY OF THE LAND OF ISRAEL

by MEIR BEN-HORIN

This paper published in THE RECONSTRUCTIONIST is a sympathetic response to a statement published in the Israeli press by a group of eminent poets, novelists, university professors, political leaders and commentators. Among them were Shemuel Yosef Agnon, winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature 1966; Nathan Alterman; Yehuda Burla; Uri Zevi Greenberg; Eliezer Livneh; Hayyim Hazzaz; Moshe Shamir; Moshe Tabenkin, as well as the widow of the second president of Israel, Mrs. Rahel Yanait Ben-Zvi. Publication of the statement was followed by the creation of "The Movement for the Integrity of the Land of Israel" - Ha-Tenuah lemaan Eretz Yisrael ha-Shelemah.

The writer hopes that a similar declaration may be published by North American Jews and non-Jews of comparable standing and that a similar movement may come into being in the United States and Canada. Such an organization, movement or "Committee for" should reflect the fact that "This Land Is Mine" is not only a popular melody but the profound conviction of men and women whose informed judgment counts.

We North American Jews, and many non-Jews, supported Israel in the Six Day War and its aftermath and in the Weeks of Taunt and Menace which preceded the combat operations. We did so in the belief that the Jewish people and the world community were right in creating the State of Israel and that the State of Israel has a right to live. We did so in the belief that a second nazi-type Holocaust must be averted and that such aversion must be followed by new redemption.

We did not join the troops that averted and redeemed. Our bodies were not exposed to the Nasser-Attassi-Hussein legionnaires, our homes did not block an Arab-executed Soviet-instigated move on an outpost of democracy, science and conscience under Jewish control. It was not our lot to carry the burden of fateful decisions, of approaching the brink and taking the leap, of issuing the order "unto life and not unto death." Neither we nor our children manned the dugouts, the defensive perimeters, the open terrain opposite the enemy nor did we carry the attack over the sands and through the skies, on the surface of the seas and in the their deep. When the lightning stopped, it was not our death notices that blackened a mournful procession of Hebrew papers day after day; it was not our markers and stones that choked the sacred earth in the "houses of eternity," the Jewish people's national cemeteries.

We cried with joy, not anguish. We shared the relief, not the glory.

Diaspora Jewry's Passive Role

Nor did we blow Partition to bits - that vivisectionist cure which politicians prescribe at wit's end. And it was not our good fortune to extend, in effect, the Law of Return: from 1948 to this day this law of Israel's society covered Jewish PEOPLE and THE Jewish people, but since June 1967 return DE FACTO applies to Jewish LAND and to THE Jewish land.

We lived to be witnesses, not participants in direct action. We were onlookers who thrilled to the splendor of great drama, and ours was the privilege of applauding and feeling enlarged. For, in the main, diaspora Jewry lives the life of Jewish spectatorship, of an audience which follows the events on stage but does not enact them. It was precisely this malady of Jewish national in-the-auditorium existence that modern Zionism sought to cure. When Theodor Herzl defined Zionism as the Jewish people's return to Judaism even before it returns to the Jewish land (in his address before the first Zionist Congress in 1897), he implied something much more radical than enrollment in commonplace or even sophisticated adult studies of various kinds. Nor did he mean a religious and scholarly revival and the absorption of several generations of Jews in the building and operation of three or four or ten schools for rabbis and teachers and supporting bodies. These, of course, are indispensable to Jewish continuity, but in and of themselves they do little to change the audience-status of diaspora Jewry, its passive role in history.

The Return to the Words "Eretz Yisrael"

Modern Zionism, in contrast, called for a return to Judaism which marked the beginning of the return of Judaism - namely, the return to the stage of historic events. For Western Jewries this meant leaving the darkened auditorium of history for the sunlight and the smog of international politics. For Eastern Jewries it meant leaving the un-Platonic cave of existence in the shadow of non-existence, leaving - one is tempted to say - the oyditorium of ghetto history. For all Jewries it meant the return from internal preoccupation with prayer messianism and external status as a theological mystery, to the conditions and the activities of a living people, a national body, an evolving civilization. It meant the allocation of most of the Jewish people's energies and substance to the creation in Palestine or Eretz Yisrael of political, economic, social, cultural, religious and military realities. There could be no doubt that both the body and the spirit of Israel as an historic people required new physical contact with its ancient national home; its creative survival depended on the opportunity once again to come to grips with nature and history, once again under the inspiration of ancient Middle Eastern, Judaic intuitions about divine possibilities but this time with the instrumentalities of Western, European and American modernity.

Zionist literature does not know of "Israel." It speaks of Palestine, the Land of Israel or Eretz Yisrael, and of Zion. Somehow these designations dropped from our vocabulary after 1948. Let the Six Day War now perform still another service of return - the return in language to Palestine and Eretz Yisrael. And while we correct our language, let us cease speaking and thinking of Jews and Israelis, Yehudim and Yisreelim. Instead let us be known as Yehudim Am Yisreelim and Yehudim Eretz Yisreelim, Jews who are People-of-Israelites and Jews who are Land-of-Israelities or, for the latter, Yehudim Medinat Yisreelim, Jews who are State-of-Israelites. Together, lest it be overlooked, we weathered the attempts at verbal annihilation by the Federenko-Tomeh-el-Kony axis of communist totalitarians and Syrian-Egyptian, pseudo-republican dictatorships. Also, lest we forget, let us recall the profoundly Jewish truth formulated with striking simplicity by Theodor Herzl: "We are a people, one people!"

The State Of Israel In Palestine

What does this hour require of us? It calls on us who are free to speak our minds to support the people of Eretz Yisrael in their struggle to defend, amidst the severe storms of current history, what, all other formulations to the contrary notwithstanding, has always been the essential purpose of the Zionist aspect of Judaism: the reconstitution of Palestine as the Jewish State and the guarantee of this State by international law.

In 1897 the first Zionist Congress adopted a compromise version in its famed "Basel Program": instead of international law, it spoke of "public law," instead of the Jewish State it spoke of a "home," and instead of "of Palestine" it spoke of "in Palestine." There was political wisdom in these compromise formulations at a time when Palestine belonged to Turkey. Perhaps the compromise formula known as the "Balfour Declaration" of November 1917 is also defensible on grounds of situational politics surrounding the British Empire during World War I. According to this formula, "His Majesty's Government view(ed) with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people." Again, the reference to Jewish statehood was avoided and again the preposition "in" and not "of" preceded the reference to Palestine. Now, seventy years after the Basel Congress, fifty years after the Balfour Declaration, and almost twenty years after the proclamation not of "a home for the Jewish people secured under public law in Palestine" but of the State of Israel in Palestine, and six months after the return of Palestine, through the State of Israel, to the Jewish people, the old formulas as well as the "old boundaries are obsolete. The new reality is the attainment of geographic conditions for the fulfilment of Judaism's and the Jewish people's highest spiritual aspirations. The return to the sovereignty of Israel of all of Eretz Yisrael (minus Transjordan; plus Sinai) marks the end of Zionism's first phase. The second phase is the return of the majority of the Jewish people to its old-new home. The third phase is the reconstitution of the Jewish State as a prophetic commonwealth of men, of religions, of ethnic groups, of social, economic, political and scientific reconstruction aiming at government of a free people by a just people for an enlightened and happy people.

Wanted: A Movement For A "Complete" Israel

By support I mean a movement and an organization, transcending political parties, religious denominations, local, regional, national and racial bodies of various concerns. Such a movement and such an organization - For the Land of Israel in the State of Israel - ought to embrace in united effort many Americans and others: all those who recognize the unique, tragic and insoluble bond existing now and for millenia between Israel the People and Israel the Land; all those who understand the morality underlying the founding of the State of Israel as an act not of political chicanery and robbery but of justice and reawakened human conscience; all those who can see that the State of Israel is the only champion of democracy amidst dark-age monarchies and Fuhrer-type national-socialist tyrannies; all those who applaud the Jewish people's pioneers as they translate into new historic reality the ancient vision of a "holy people" that encompasses all within its borders.

For ages the Land of Israel has been a valley of despair, of medieval stagnation and oppression, amidst other territories governed by autocrats and tyrants of various sorts. Its redemption and that of its incited but unawakened Arab inhabitants is not conceivable without the love and the know-how of the Jewish people that seeks its own renewal and its own redemption in the Land's.

For a sinful mankind that closed its eyes and ears and nostrils and hearts to the smoke in which Israel's body rose into the European skies there is no better way to atonement than in the act of saying "yes" to the old ideal and the new reality: the Land of Israel in the State of Israel.

ATTENDED BOARD OF GOVERNORS CONFAB. — From left to right: Harry Rubin, general co-chairman with his brother Alex, Toronto State of Israel Bonds for 1968; Mrs. Irving Sussman, chairman, Women's Division, Toronto State of Israel Bonds; Abraham Harman, former Israeli Ambassador to Washington, D.C. The shot was taken at a Board of Governors conference held recently in New York City.
Following the conference, a special farewell celebration was held in honor of Ambassador Harman. Four-hundred leaders of the State of Israel Bond Organization in North America were present.

MONTREAL NOTES

HADASSAH-WIZO SLATE

The following is the slate of officers elected at the Hadassah-WIZO convention last week in Montreal: Mrs. Hyman Wisenthal, president; Mrs. B. M. Bloomfield, dominion vice president; Mrs. Myer Sager, treasurer; Mrs. Enoch Roskies, financial secretary; Mrs. Hyman Heft, recording secretary; Mrs. Charles Balinsky, corresponding secretary; all from Montreal. Mrs. Charles Eisenstat, also of Montreal, is immediate past president, now an honorary president.

Other national officers are Mesdames M. Bogoch (Edmonton), John Devor (Toronto), Dr. Ann Hammerling (Halifax), Mrs. Cecil Groberman (Vancouver), all vice presidents. Mrs. S.A. Kronick of Ottawa and Mrs. S. Wise of Toronto are general secretaries. Honorary presidents are Mesdames Anna Raginsky (Montreal), David P. Gotlieb (Winnipeg), Rosa Singer (Montreal), Harry Cohen (Sydney), William Riven (Montreal), Mrs. Eisenstat. Honorary vice presidents: Mrs. L. James, Toronto; Mrs. M. A. Levy, Toronto; Mrs. E. Lozinsky, Montreal; Mrs. I. Pink, Yarmouth; Mrs. P. Sheps, Winnipeg; Mrs. H. Sokolov, Winnipeg; Mrs. M. Wine, Vancouver.

REGULAR MEET

The Council of Units, Jewish Hospital of Hope, held its regular monthly meeting Wednesday afternoon.

FANTASY BALL

The ninth ORT Fantasy ball will be held on March 30th at the Queen Elizabeth under the patronage of Prime Minister and Mrs Lester B. Pearson, the Premier of Quebec and Mrs. Daniel Johnson, Hon. Jean Lesage, Q.C., and Mrs. Lesage, the Israeli Ambassador to Canada and Mrs. Arieh Eshel, Mayor Jean Drapeau and Mrs. Drapeau. Mesdames A. Jefferson Ashmele and Donald Walker are associate chairmen. Committee: Mr. and Mrs Monroe Abbey; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Freiman of Ottawa, honorary patrons; Mr. and Mrs. George Springer, honorary ball chairmen; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Abelson, honorary patrons chairmen; Mrs. Henry Bernard; Mrs. Hy Chinks, associate chairman of patrons; Mrs. Ben Korda, vice chairman of patrons.

UNIVERSITY FRIENDS

The Women's Division of Canadian Friends of Bar Ilan University met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lionel Richler. Laurier LaPierre, director French Canada Studies program, McGill University. was guest speaker.

POET GUEST SPEAKER

Hava Rosenfarb, a poet who learned her craft in Polish ghettos and Nazi concentration camps, now a Montrealer, was guest speaker of the Sunday 67-68 series at the Saidye Bronfman Centre of the "Y" last Sunday evening. She spoke of the life and work of novelist Isaac Bashevis Singer. Actors Aviva Herson and Howard Ryshpan read selection from his works.

CO-CONVENORS

Mesdames L. Goldberg and H.B. Tanenbaum are co-convenors of the annual souvenir program of the Council of Units of the Jewish Hospital of Hope.

CHOIR FEATURED

Laurentian Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women, will feature the Laurentian Choir under the direction of Rebecca, Stotland, February 17th and 18th.

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Beth Zion Sisterhood held a meeting Tuesday afternoon in the form of a dessert luncheon followed by a panel discussion: Woman in the Community. Mrs. Joey Richman was moderator; Mesdames I. Schwartz, A. Nussbaum, C. Shapiro, speakers.

DR. WALTER S. WURZBURGER

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MOSES I FEUERSTEIN

IN PROGRAM OF TORONTO'S SHAAREI SHOMAYIM WEEKEND. — From left to right: Rabbi Dr. Walter S. Wurzburger, editor of Tradition, America's foremost journal of Jewish religious thought; internationally renowned Cantor David Kusevitsky; Rabbi Folksinger Shlomo Carlebach; Moses I. Feuerstein, international leader of orthodox Jewish laymen. The Dedication Weekend takes place Feb. 2, 3, 4.

AT CONFERENCE IN JERUSALEM. — Ottawa delegates who attended the World Conference of Synagogues in Jerusalem recently, being received by Israeli President Shazar: (left to right) Mrs. and Mr. Myer Drazin; Mrs. and Mr. Alex Betcherman; President Shazar; Hyman Bessin; Mrs. B. Zeifman (Toronto).

TORONTO SYNAGOGUES

DEDICATION BANQUET

The annual dedication banquet of Clanton Park Synagogue (Rabbi N. Rabinovitch, spiritual leader) will be held next Saturday, February 4th. Guest speaker will be Prof. Marvin Fox of Ohio State University, a leading exponent of Torah Judaism on this continent.

Also the same weekend the annual N.C.S.Y. convention will take place at the synagogue.

COUPLES CLUB MEET

Torah Emeth Couples Club will meet tomorrow, Motzoei Shabbos, at the home of Rabbi A. Cohen.

DINNER MEET

The Eitz Chaim Schools annual dinner meet was held last Sunday at Torath Emeth Jewish Center. Special guests to whom a plaque of life membership was presented are Charles Garfunkel, Samuel Kerzner, Itshe Meyer Korolnek, Abraham Starkman, Samuel Wortsman; presentation by Harry Korolnek.

On the program: Rabbi David Ochs, Birchas Hamozon; Chil Elbaum, annual report; Rabbi Chaim Nussbaum, principal's report; Miriam Weinberg, Eli Gertner-Klein, greetings of Eitz Chaim students; Rabbi Weinberg, dean of Toronto's Ner Israel Yeshiva; spoke; Rabbi Marcus Ochs, spoke on behalf of the Rabbinical Council of America; Stephen E. Berger in place of Ray D. Wolfe, on behalf of United Jewish Welfare Fund; John R. Devor, on behalf of Bureau of Jewish Education. Harry P. Botnik, chairman of nominations, rendered his report.

Rabbi E. Forman, spiritual leader of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, was guest speaker, introduced by Rabbi Rosenswelg of Shaarei Tefillah.

Eitz Chaim Band and Choir performed; I M. Korolnek sang.

Kurt Rothschild was chairman of the dinner.

The following officers are slated for election to the Board for 1968: Chil Anisfeld; Gerald Baron; Abe Bleeman; Harry P. Botnick; Sol P. Botnick; Seymour Brudner; Moshe Buksbaum; Rabbi M. J. Burak; Samuel Camelbar; Martin Chasson; Chil Elbaum; Albert Engel; Rabbi G. Felder; Moshe Feldman. Also: Yitz Feldman; Aaron Frankel; Rabbi E. Forman; Charles Garfunkel; Dr. Max Glassman; Donald Greenbaum; Rabbi S. Gold; Alex Grossman; Ben F. Hahn; Miles M. Halberstadt; Sandor Hofstadter; Meyer Kaiser; Naftoli Kanner; Sam Kanner, Morris J. Katz; Samuel Kerzner. Also: A. Sol Kling; Harry Korolnek; I M. Korolnek; Lou Korzen; Jack Kosoy; Joseph Kurtz; Phineas G. Kurtz; Herman Landau; Mel Lastman; Zindel Lebovic; Harry Magder; Samuel Marcus; Max Mlotek; Lewis J. E. Moses; Dr. Mark Nussbaum; Marcus Nussbaum; Moshe Nussbaum; O. Nussbaum; Samuel Nussbaum; Rabbi D. Ochs; Rabbi M. Ochs. Also: Dr. Wm. Paul; Samuel Pollack; Rabbi N. Rabinovitch; Abraham Rapaport; Isadore Reingewirts; Ted Richmond; Ernest E. Rosenbluth; Kurt Rotschild; Rabbi B. Rosensweig; Hirshel Rubenstein; Max Rubenstein; Morris Rubinstein; Kalman Rubner; Herman Salb; David Schmertz; Phil. Schwartz; Roy Segal; Dr. Y.P. Shields; Joseph Silver. Also: Frank Silverberg; H. Silverman; Abraham Starkman; Joseph Tanenbaum; Max Tanenbaum; Louis Tanz; Benjamin Urman; Isaac Wagner; Dr. M.B. Weinberg; Aaron Weinstock; Motel Swesznerger; Dr. Philip Weitz. Also: Ernest Werner; Harry Wolfe; Sidney Woolf; Ben Wortsman; Kelly Wortsman; Samuel Wortsman; S. Yumger; A.B. Zacks; C. Meyer Zeifman; B. Zolty; Moshe Zolty.

LECTURE

Adult Jewish Education Committee of B'nai B'rith Men's and Women's Councils held a lecture on, Medical Ethics in Judaism, yesterday. Dr. Max M. Glassman was guest speaker. Topic: Judaism's Stand on Birth Control, Abortion, Artificial Insemmination, Euthenasia.

ATTENDED HISTADRUT CONFERENCE. — Some of the one-hundred-fifty representatives from folk organizations in Toronto who were among the delegates to attend the recent annual conference of the Israel Histadrut Compaign: (seated, left to right) Mrs. Rachel Basserman, vice president, Women's Council, U.O.F.H.; Dave Green, Folk's Farein; Mrs. Anne Glass, president, Women's Council, U.O.F.H.; Julius Ciechanowski, Lodzer Center, president, U.O.F.H.; Rabbi David Monson, honorary president, U.O.F.H.; Sam Bierstone, Mezricher Society, immediate past president; Mrs. Rose Bierstone, treasurer, Harry Ferens, chairman of executive; Mrs. Raya Koby, vice president, Women's Council, U.O.F.H. Second row (left to right): George Steinhouse, executive director, Israel Histadrut Campaign; J. Grossinger, Warshaver Lodzer, chairman, communal activities; H. Gray, New Jewish Fraternal Organization; J. Oberzanek, Poltusker Society, member of praesidium; vice president Harry Sherr (New Jewish Fraternal Organization), Harry Mandelbaum (Sunnyside Lodge, I.O.O.F.), Reuben Madesker (Jewish Lithuanian Farband); B. Goldglas, Warshover Lodzer, member of praesidium; A. Weinstock, Chenstochover Aid Society; I. Kopyto, Shedletz Lookover Society, secretary; A. Simon, Anshel Minsk; J. Egit, executive director, U.O.F.H. Third row (left to right): L. Horwitz, New Jewish Fraternal Organization; A. Bainerman Ostrovtzer Society; G. Bialik, Chenstochover Aid Society; C. Kohen, Warshover Lodzer; J. Friedland, Poltusker Society; A. Handelman, Y.H.H.A.; I. Cohen, Warshover Lodzer; J. Slonim, Lodzer Center; A. Drew, Lodzer Center; H. Cooper, Linitzer Society; L. Hertzberg, Shedlitz Lookover Society; A. Geller, Keltzer Sick Benefit Society; S. Zwaigman, Ostrovtzer Society, member of praesidium; S. Landau, Tzosmerer Society.
They were elected unanimously to serve on the Executive by the United Order for Histadrut, comprised of representatives from Landsmanshaften, societies and fraternal organizations.

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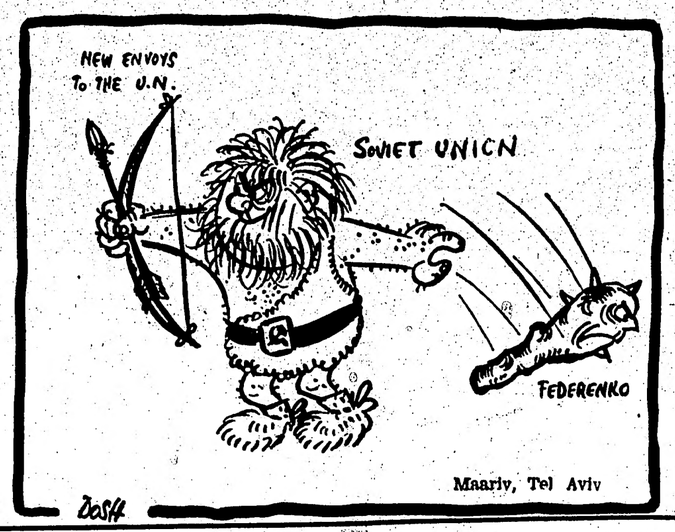

ASK THE RABBI
a JCNS featurette

Q. — Is it true that if a drop of milk should fall on the meat it is permissible to eat the meat if its volume is more than 60 times the milk?

A. — Forbidden foods becomes "neutralised" if mixed in 60 times its volume (battel be-shishim). The exception is leaven on Passover. Even the smallest quantity of leaven is sufficient to render a rish forbidden, if the leaven falls into it on Passover itself. The law of "neutralisation" only applies if the mixture is accidental and not intentional.

Q. — Knives may be kashered by placing them into the ground. What is the law about other cutlery?

A. — The same, but these laws only apply when the cutlery has been used for cold food. Anything which comes into contact with boiling hot forbidden food can only be kashered by immersion in boiling water.

A. — How do I kosher meat and what is the reason for this practice?

A. — The purpose of the pracitce is to draw off as much blood as possible (see Leviticus 7, 26). The procedure is to soak the meat in water for half-an-hour. It is then sprinkled liberally with salt and left for one hour in such a way that the blood can run off. The salt is then washed off by a thorough scouring.

HOW ABOUT ONTARIO?

Subsidies for day schools

Last week's report in The Canadian Jewish News concerning the first victory of Quebec's Hebrew day schools in the area of subsidies from the government has revived the question dormant for some time: what happened to the frequently publicized resolution at a Toronto Jewish conference to demand our share of taxes for the secular curriculum in Jewish day schools in Ontario?

There are many rumors and contradictory statements regarding this issue. Some say that opponents of integral Jewish education who direct certain Jewish organizations are trying their utmost to bury the issue under a cushion of unintelligible resolutions, formulas and memoranda to various groups. The purpose? To keep the supporters of Jewish day schools impressed by a kind of paper work and activity that must result in failure Meanwhile most Jews conscious of their duty to promote Jewish education are lulled into inactivity.

In Montreal a small group of dedicated young people forced the issue and won. It was dissatisfied with politicking around Hebrew day schools. Had the promoters of tax supported Jewish schools in Quebec satisfied themselves with memos and secret conferences, they still would be where they were two years ago.

We do not believe that those who oppose government subsidies for Jewish day schools because of the oldfashioned prejudice that such subsidies would weaken the equality of Jews before the law have no right to propagate their viewpoints.

The Canadian Jewish News always will publish statements of opinion opposing government support for the Jewish day school even though we have presented our position openly in favor of such grants.

We feel those opposing these subsidies should fight it out openly at a democratically convened assembly. We also believe that the majority of committed Jews are convinced that without day schools and without government supported day schools integral Jewish education will remain the privilege of the few, not the right of every Jewish parent to provide his child with the education he seeks.

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The time has arrived for a public statement from those involved in this problem: to tell the Jewish community how the issue stands. For the community must take some position.

The cost of upkeep of Jewish day schools is so exorbitant today that even with the help of the organized Jewish community — especially the United Jewish Welfare Fund — our school system fights an uphill battle.

The taxpayer has the right to demand his share at least for the most important institution in our community: the Hebrew Day School.

CHALLENGE TO ENGLISH-SPEAKING JEWS

by G. E. Silverman

THE FACTS ABOUT ALIYAH

The implacable hostility of the Soviet bloc has, for the time being at least, put an end to the meagre trickle of Jewish emigration from Communist lands and it is from the West, especially from the British Commonwealth and the U.S.A., that Israel now expects the most significant aliya during the next crucial decade.

Inducements have been planned to attract "Anglo-Saxim", as they are popularly called, but many Westerners now domiciled in Israel believe that tax concessions and other forms of material relief will not in themselves bring about the immediate swelling of the Jewish population to meet the challenge of a higher Arab birth-rate. The real challenge may, in fact, be more to the adaptability of the Israelis than to the idealism of diaspora Jewry.

There are those who suggest that the most practical solution may lie in the granting of substantial sums to Israeli Jews, a policy which, it is claimed, may prove cheaper in the long run than the present Jewish Angecy-sponsored "airlift" to diaspora families.

Their argument is that too many "immigrants" give up the fight for integration and return to their countries of origin; there are said to be some 50,000 Jews in New York alone who at one time or another either failed to strike roots in the State or, at least, held Israeli citizenship.

While there may be much good sense in the proposal that Israelis as well as new immigrants be offered financial inducements, the very reasons advanced by critics of conventional aliya point to the basic problem - integration.

Any overdue easing of petty restrictions and bureaucratic oppression is to be welcomed, but much will depend on the extent to which Israelis are prepared, encouraged and even educated to welcome the new comers and to accept them in their society.

Far too many "graduates" of past aliyot actually resent the offer of concessions to settlers from the West complaining that such favours ought not now to be granted when "old-timers" like themselves had to accept and live through years of austerity; some even claim a sort of puritanical virtue in the enforced sacrifices of the past, although their present is marked by the accumulation of luxuries that make many "immigrants" blink in astonishment, if not envy.

And today, when hundreds of Israelis, including many sabras, flock to the Americas in search of greater opportunity, why should those Westerners who bring their valuable technical and professional skills to Israel not receive some small initial reward for their courage and idealism.

In an interview published recently in Israel's English-language press, two British graduates explained the purpose behind their establishment of a novel "ulpan - seminar" scheme designed to attract young people from the West, in competition with the official machinery that already exists.

One of the organisers was asked if his attitude did not betoken a wish to impose Anglo-Saxon standards in Israel, and he rightly replied, "Why not?" The similar imposition of foreign influences on Israeli society by successive waves of Russo-Polish, German, Rumanian and Oriental immigrants in the past - influences that, frankly speaking, have not always brought great benefits with them - is all too readily forgotten.

If a desire for more courtesy and understanding in officialdom, for more friendliness and warmth in the Israeli approach to Westerners, and for more good humour and politeness in general life is tantamount to the imposition of Western, or "Anglo-Saxon" standards on Israel, so be it! The admirable maxim that "he who spreads an evil report about the Land of Israel - even if it is true - is a spy", has all too often been used to justify the silencing of proper and constructive criticism.

There is no good reason why prospective immigrants should be misled by inadequate "guides" to the thousand-and-one problems they will inevitably face on arrival. Immigrants are entitled to know how to prepare themselves for employers, whether they may rely on promises to finalise arrangements for their job "next week", or if it is wise to accept a lower salary scale than they had been led to expect pending confirmation of the appropriate job classification.

They should be warned of the proneness of many car agents to overcharge their inexperienced customers and advised about buying a flat in a particular area and at a particular price; home-buyers ought also to be told how and where mortgages may be obtained, what interest rates are normal and how much they will have to pay for their flat in hard cash. The official guide books would do well to give some indication as to the persons to whom complaints may be referred.

Of course, immigrants should be prepared to meet the Israelis half-way but, in adapting themselves to new conditions, immigrants have a right to demand considerate treatment.

Once the initial difficulties have been overcome, the real problem of acceptance still remains. Immigrants invariably find that they continue to move in their own social circle, which tends to include only those Israelis who have married Jews from abroad.

The observant Jew, used to a social and cultural life centred about the synagogue, will discover to his chagrin that the Israeli shool is rarely more than a house of prayer, where - if he is fortunate - he may attend weekday shiurim. The less religious immigrant, on the other hand, will miss the charity committees and social functions to which he was invited "back home".

Both will come to realise that Israelis in general show little interest in, or zeal for, social and charitable endeavours, which they regard as the province of some governmental or municipal body. Most Israelis are also disinclined to take militant action in support of educational causes (even when the welfare of their own children is at stake) and are untouched by the political ideologies that recruit workers for general Zionism, the Mizrachi and Poale Zion in the diaspora.

In thus abandoning the paraphernalia of a derided diaspora existence, Israeli society has to a very large extent lost the sense of community fostered by the old kehilla; yet, paradoxically, some of the worst features of Central and Eastern Europe still cling to the "emancipated" Israeli, who has much to learn from the communities of the West.

Immigrants soon notice how rare it is for children to give up their seats on trains and buses to the elderly and the infirm; they are outraged to find that everyone they meet cooly asks how much they earn; they find it a hazard to require a doctor's attention outside surgery hours; and the immigrant girl on a "date" will find herself met and later forsaken by her boy-friend outside the cinema.

There is, of course, another side to the picture which also deserves mentioning. The newcomer finds that the Israeli family that really befriends him will offer to "put him up" far more readily than would most of their diaspora counterparts. And friends and relatives who arrive suddenly at lunch or suppertime are never "unexpected guests".

The observant Jew finds only the five-and-a-half-day working week a strain on his piety; the immigrant discovers that he can develop a richer and more varied taste in his choice of reading while television remains in its infancy; and almost everyone welcomes the informality that still governs many aspects of life in Israel.

For those of us who came and stayed the real advantages are apparent, but we remain very much alive to the social changes that will be needed to transform Israel into a mature society. The hastening of such a process will now depend to a very great extent on the adaptability and the obstinacy of immigrants from the West. A certain degree of psychological preparation for their new life need act as no deterrent. The best is yet to be.

The author, an English Jew, who settled in Israel last March, now lives with his wife and sabra son in Jerusalem, where he is a member of the editorial staff of the new Enclyclopedia Judaica.

Sermon for the week

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

In the Sidra of this week—Va-eira—we read of the last few plagues with which the Egyptians were punished, hastening the advent of the impending Exodus.

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One of the most important details of the Exodus is the haste in which it took place. When the the hour of liberation struck, the Jews left Egypt at once, losing not single moment, or, as our Sages express it, not even the "batting of an eyelid." They add moreover, that if the Jews had tarried and missed that auspicious moment, the ipportunity for liberation would have been lost forevor. This seems incomprehensible, for it was already after the Ten Plagues, which prompted the Egyptians to virtually exoel the Jews from their land. Why then, was the haste of the moment so important?

The explanation is as follows: The danger of forfeiting this opportunity lay not in the possibility of the Egyptians changing their minds but in the possibility that some Jews might change their minds, for fear of leaving their habituated way of life for a new culture and society in the desert.

Jews are enjoined to relive the Exodus each and every day of their lives. Each Jew's personal "Exodus from Egypt" refers to his own redemption from subservience to the dictates of the body and animal instincts in him. The aforementioned episode teaches us that whenever an opportunity presents itself to achieve this "Exodus" (i.e. to elevate ourselves spiritually), we must not tarry. We should utilize the opportunity and try to permeate every aspect of our daily lives with the spirit and observance of Torah and Mitzvos, and not leave the opportunity for the three "Solemn Days" of the year—Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.

On the community level too, an extraordinary opportunity knocks on our doors—the resurgence of interest in religion by our previously estranged youth. Boldly inquiring and challenging, our younger generation demands to know the full truth about Judaism, not a "sugar-coated" and compromised truth or a "made to order" religion. Experience has shown that where Jewish youth come in contact with authenitc Torah-and-Mitzvos Judaism they are attracted to it, and many of them have begun to order their daily lives accordingly, with the determination and enthusiasm with which youth is so richly endowed.

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Let us hope that Jew and Jewess will seize the extraordinary opportunity of the present moment to achieve self-liberation and to help others in the same direction; liberation from all manner of bondage, internal and external, and above all, liberation from the most dismal servitude—the idea of "let's be like the rest."

Adapted from the original Hebrew text of RABBI M. M. SCHNEERSON, the Lubavitch Rebbe, by Y. M. Kogan

BUILDING AND PROPERTY IN ISRAEL

by Dov Tadmor

By its nature the building industry is somewhat impervious to changes brought about by technological advances or innovations in methods such as we have witnessed in recent years in other industries. The basic elements in the industry have remained the same ever since concrete and iron replaced wood as the primary building material.

This is substantially the case with Israel, but here with the massive volume of construction work we are advancing to explore the unknown in a way typical both of the building industry and the Israeli economy. It must be remembered that in the 19 years of its existence, this young country has increased its population 4.5 times, from 600,000 to 2.7 million and has created a modern civilisation in an Oriental country.

The building industry has obviously occupied a large and important role in this process. This role will be more readily apprehended if we bear in mind that the industry has not only developed naturally by providing housing for the population. It has had to withstand the pressures of a large influx of immigrants in some years, declining to a trickle in others.

All these factors on the one hand served to develop the building economy, but on the other hand the ebb and flow could not but affect those dealing and investing in building. At the same time it became increasingly imperative to supply inexpensive housing for new immigrants. The Government, therefore, turned its full attention to the problem of building for this class of purchasers, thus obtaining a considerable foothold in this field.

At the time, government intervention may indeed have been warranted from the point of view of the State. Today, when we encounter a steady market for housing, the fact that the Government is well entrenched in this sensitive sector is having an unhealthy effect. It is not sufficiently flexible to adapt to change yet aspires to expansion by force of inertia.

In the first half of 1967, the government or public bodies accounted for 50 per cent of the building in Israel, the other 50 per cent being the domain of private enterprise. During the second half of 1967, when after a period of low ebb the industry was returning to normal, the percentage will have been 40 per cent public building as against 60 per cent private building.

In surveying the property and building market in Israel today, one should bear in mind these principal factors which have governed development over the past two years:

(a) The policy of economic "moderation" simultaneously with the recession in the building industry which began in 1965;

(b) The freeze which overtook the industry as a result of the Six-Day War;

(c) Recovery and rising expectations in the industry after the Six-Day War.

Inflationary trends over a period of years resulted in a seller's market in the building industry, which encouraged speculation in real estate dealings.

This situation had been engendered by the ever-increasing excess of national expenditure over income, the weakening of purchasing power and the excess of commercial centres and everything connected with the industry.

This resulted in instability and a constant rise in prices; two factors, which combined, oddly enough, further to accelerate the expansion of investment in building.

In 1965, total investment in the economy was I£2,863 million, of which I£1,693 million was earmarked for building for industry, housing and agriculture. Investment in housing construction alone totalled I£853 million or 50 per cent of the total sum invested in building as such.

Since the Six-Day War a sense of security has been restored. The building market is beginning to reassert itself and to return with care and restraint building for the natural needs of the economy. In addition the atmosphere seems to be favourable for solving a few problems which have had a restraining influence on the market.

In the first place, when interest in land and building was high, the local authorities and the government proceeded to increase taxation on plots by raising the assessment of land values on the basis of an optimum prosperity price. And true to the style of government institutions, they did not lower the tax when property was in the throes of crisis.

A situation thus evolved in which the owners of land were forced to pay over 7 per cent of the value of the plot in annual taxes. Not only did this have no economic justification, but also had the adverse effect of inhibiting the revival of interest which should have come about when existing building stocks were absorbed.

A government committee has now recommended a considerable reduction in taxation, which will probably help to foster a revival of interest.

A distorting factor in the property market in Israel is the absence of long-term capital to finance construction. Suitable housing can be provided only through long-term finance in the form of mortgages, given to the purchaser at the rate of 60-80 per cent of the value of the apartment and at a low rate of interest of 4-7 per cent.

In Israel, however, mortgages have up to now been given only for periods of four to five years, to an amount not exceeding 25-30 per cent of the value of the apartment, and at an interest rate of 8-10 per cent, both principal and the interest being linked to the cost-of-living index. This linkage raises the interest rate to 15-16 per cent per annum.

Arrangements have now been made by the Government and the mortgage banks for loans to be granted to prospective house-purchasers for a period of twelve years at 12 per cent interest and without a cost-of-living linkage. But on the average, the mortgage allowed does not exceed 30 per cent of the price of the apartment. While this does constitute a considerable improvement, it is but one step on a long road to establish the building economy on a sound basis.

It is my belief that if the proposed reduction in property taxation is put into effect, and the financial sources for construction are provided, the building industry will both survive the crisis and derive a certain benefit which may ensure a better and healthier development in the future.

To complete the circle of needed improvements in the property field and to re-establish the industry on a firm footing, another two problems remain to be solved.

First, amendments are needed in the Betterment Tax law. This has had a detrimental effect on the real estate market, for the high rate of tax had deterred both companies and private individuals from selling land. Taxes must undeniably be paid on profits from holdings, but the rates should be reasonable.

Secondly, due to the conditions of financing as explained above, all construction for housing in Israel is earmarked for sale. It is important that a certain proportion of new building be available for rental, particularly so when immigration is expected and the mobility of labour is to be encouraged.

On the whole the standards and know-how of building in Israel may be said to be satisfactory. There is, in fact, a surplus of accumulated experience and know-how, and not a few Israeli companies are now engaged in planning and construction in many foreign countries.

The building industry in Israel can today draw on a force of engineers, technologists and skilled workers, and now employs about 90,000 workers directly and in allied industries.

In a dynamic country such as Israel with an intensive process of industrialisation and the attendant employee mobility, at a time when 150,000 families from slum districts need rehousing and new immigration is expected, the building industry has an important role to play and should offer an attractive reward and a fair profit to those engaged in it.

Mr. Tadmor is director of the Discount Bank Investment Corporation

letters to the editor

SURPRISED AT US

Dear Editor:

I am surprised by the recent lack of fighting spirit in The Canadian Jewish News. As a Torontonian who always has been proud of your quick and fearless comments concerning any outrage to Jews and other minorities, I am at loss to understand why you ignored the Globe and Mail editorial of Friday, January 12th.

The Globe and Mail, as I read in an Israel newspaper (the Jerusalem Post), "greeted Mr. Eshkol with critical coolness on its editorial page, predicting that his dialogue with Mr. Pearson and Mr. Martin will be limited" to differences.

Why doesn't the Canadian Jewish News react?

Toronto Isaac Gold

My first cellmate

Mr. Emiot, well known Yiddish author, spent many years in a Soviet concentration camp in East Asia. The story printed here, in the translation of M. Goldberg, is a chapter of Emiot's book "The Birobidjan Affair" describing his horror years in the Red paradise.

I enter the new cell, and before I have a chance to look around, a voice from the shadows says, "Hello."

On the very first day, out of my hunger for human contact and my need to share, I tell him every detail of my experiences during the past few months.

My companion relates the bizarre story of his arrest. He and seventeen other members of the crew of a small naval vessel, stationed on Port Arthur, had one day in a speculative mood theorized the possibility of escape by taking the boat to Darien, a harbor not within Soviet territory. This feat could be accomplished only by doing away with the captain, they felt. However, this is where they dropped the whole matter, as all of them were very fond of their captain, a pleasant, good-natured man, whom they did not wish to harm. Yet, a year later, one in that group saw fit to report the matter to the Secret Police and my young friend and seventeen others, all of them members of the Young Communist League, youngsters between eighteen and nineteen years old, were arrested. They were charged with Paragraph Fifty Eight, Point 1-B, which calls for capitol punishment, implying the commitment of military treason. These eighteen were also charged with Point Eleven, formation of an organized counter-revolutionary group, for which the penalty was even more severe. In addition to these charges, my cellmate was also accused of Point Ten — antisoviet propaganda.

How does a member of the Young Communist League, brought up in the Soviet tradition, a graduate of a high school in Leningrad and of a naval academy, how does such a young man come to be accused of counter-revolutionary propaganda?

This is not a simple story.

One of my new friend's fellow sailors, let us call him Shutkov, after several years at sea, was given a furlough to go home to his native village, somewhere in White Russia, a collective farm of which his mother was a member. Shutkov's father was dead and his mother had to support herself and several small children.

Seeing the collective farm again with his now more mature eyes, Shutkov became aware of the squalid and wretched conditions under which the collective farmer worked and lived. A day's work brought no more than two hundred grams of bread, a few potatoes and some cabbage. Taxes were extremely high. The collective farm and its manager held the individual enslaved like an old-time serf. When Shutkov's sixteen-year-old sister wanted to leave the farm and get a factory job in the city, sho was not premitted to do so. He left for Moscow, where he tried to ses Nicholas M. Shvernik, the then Chairman of the Soviet Council, to report what he had seen. But he was not admitted to see the man.

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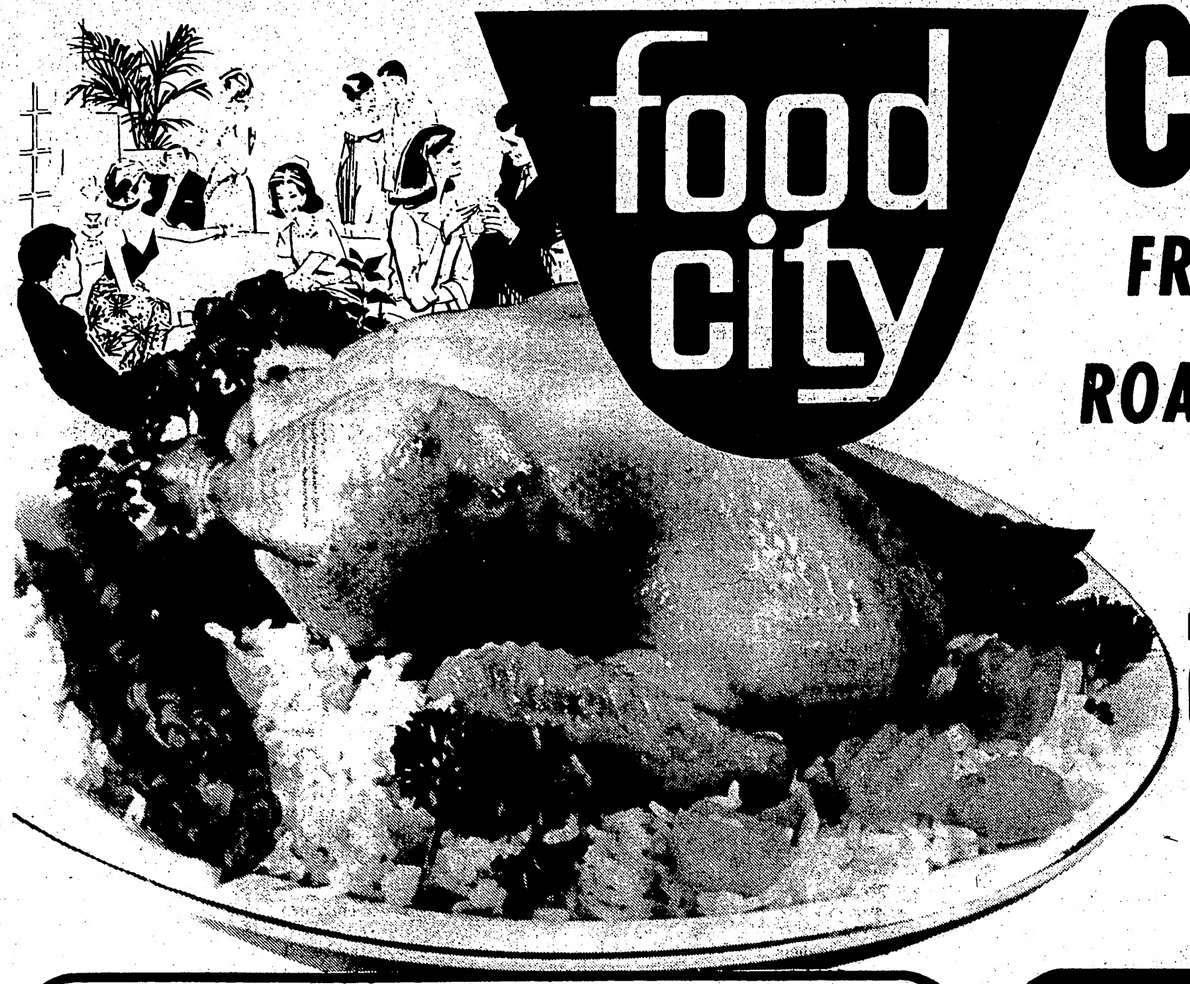

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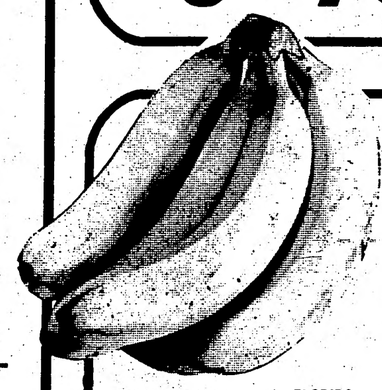

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• The news has recently leaked out of the erroneous demise of well known Yiddish actor Jacob Ben Ami. Theater lovers, especially all friends of Mr. Ben Ami, will be happy to learn that at 77 he is very much alive. In fact, many Torontonians well remember the time he played at Toronto's Hart House Theater in 1925 in the presentation of Samson and Delilah in which actor Raymond Massey also starred.

Incidentally, Ben Ami never has been associated with Habimah.

The deceased is R. Ben Ari who was born on July 15, 1897, in Stepinitz, the Ukraine. It was he who was affiliated with the world famous Habimah.

• Woody Allen lives in a six-room East Side duplex in New York. Dominating the room and dwarfing him is a billiard table. "I noodle around," he explains. "I'm a surprisingly bad player for someone who owns a table. I may be the worst owner-player."

He is married one year to actress-singer Louise Lasser. She reminds him that two years ago he said, "I don't consider any girl perfect unless she rejects me."

He adds, "Louise manages to achieve a brilliant kind of thing. She accepts me and at the same time manages to hold me at arms length. She keeps me insecure, off balance at times. She accepts me—at a bare minimum for a relationship."

At 32, Woody, though insecure emotionally, is a smashing success. As a comic, he is becoming the most prolific, prosperous comedian in America. He also is a Broadway playwright, movie star and scriptwriter, TV star and sketch writer, recording artist.

His first play, Don't Drink the Water, was the comedy hit of last season. His whole life is comedy.

Woody hated going to the theater. "I find the theater in the main very boring. It's a ponderous medium where everything is talk." But he saw his Don't Drink the Water 100 times."

He loves the movies, sees about five or six a week, and likes to stand on line outside, particularly on Saturday nights.

Says Woody Allen, "To be funny on stage or in print is a wonderful talent. It's hard for me not to be ridiculous."

STARS IN COMEDY. — Eddie Bracken, who will be featured in Robert Anderson's Broadway comedy hit, You Know I Can't Hear You When the Water's Running, when it begins a two-week engagement this coming Monday, January 29th, at Toronto's O'Keefe Center.

COMEDY AT EASE. — Diane Stapley and Ronald Chudley, who are wowing guests at Toronto's Theatre in the Dell with their new revue about Toronto, T.O. for Two.

BOUND TO BE A RIOT. — Female members of the cast of 14 rehearsing for a number entitled, All The Way With L.B.J., a spoof on the war in Vietnam. This is one of the sketches of Riot '68, playing next weekend at Toronto's Ryerson Theatre.

TORONTO AFTER DARK

BIG PLAY, LEAST WORK

Hay Fever, finishing its run at O'Keefe Center tomorrow night, was written by Noel Coward in three days after he spent a weekend at the country home of actress Laurette Taylor. The first London production was greeted with enthusiasm and ran for most of a year. Since then, featuring many actresses, the comedy has been acclaimed everywhere throughout the years.

COMEDY OF ORDER

Commencing next Friday, February 2nd, and performing for one week, Hart House Theater presents, Brouart, a black comedy in three acts by Claude Aveline, English translation by Archie Campbell. This will be its world premiere in English. Hitherto it has been produced only in Poland and later in Holland.

The three-act comedy is about a petty official who can't stand being wrong and always must have order. Director: Leon Major, Director of Production for the Graduate Center for the Study of Drama.

SATIRE AT RYERSON

Riot '68 is Ryerson Theatre's answer to what could be the matter with Toronto in particular and Canada in general. The hilarious comedy is a series of sketches poking fun good-naturedly at all and sundry. Directed by David Lennick, student at Ryerson and son of the well known Ben and Sylvia Lennick of theater and radio fame, most of the sketches of Riot '68 have been written by the students of the university. Cast also consists of students.

The all new musical revue will be performed at Ryerson Theatre next weekend, Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 1st through 3rd; curtain, 8:30 p.m.

DON AMECHE REPLACES DANA ANDREWS

Film star Don Ameche will replace Dana Andrews as star of The Odd Couple when the play opens at the Royal Alexandra Theater on April 8th for one week.

Andrews had to drop out of the play after injuring himself in a bathtub fall in Indianapolis.

Meanwhile Drummer Boy, presented by Theatre Toronto, continues at the Royal Alex.

BRANCHING OUT

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, which has been running at the Playhouse Theatre since last October, opens its sixth permanent production in London (England) next Friday at the Fortune Theater. It was there that Beyond the Fringe opened to a record-breaking run.

STAR RETURNS

Stuart Hamilton, who dropped out of Beyond the Fringe during December to work in Buffalo, is back in the show with Barrie Baldaro, Don Cullen and Roy Wordsworth at Old Angelo's.

"Heavens, are we still running?" his first words. It could run on forever.

SMASH HIT

Altair Productions' presentation of Luv by Murray Schisgal is proving to be a smash hit. It is now in its second week at the Colonnade Theater.

The "paralyzingly funny" show is playing to packed houses. Curtain is at 8:30 p.m.

FILLERS

• The Odd Couple, produced by Howard W. Koch and directed by Gene Saks, was written for the screen by Neil Simon, based on his own smash Broadway comedy

• David Heneker, whose latest success is Paramount Pictures's lavish film musical, Half a Sixpence, for which he wrote the lyrics and music, is one of the most successful songwriters in the world who never wrote a note of music until he retired from the British Army after twenty-five years of service.

• Robert B. Radnitz, producer of My Side of the Mountain, is in Knowlton, Quebec, to begin filming winter sequences for the Paramunt Film Services, Ltd. production. The motion picture is based on a novel by Jean George, which received the Hans Christian Andersen International Award and the Lewis Carrol Award. It is the story of a young boy who leaves his comfortable Toronto home to live alone in the wilderness for one years.

• The Sergeant, a Robert Wise Production motion picture for Warner Bros.-Seven Arts, starring Rod Steiger and John Phillip Law under the direction of John Flynn, is before the cameras for the first time on location in the outskirts of Paris, France. The drama concerns a lonely, veteran master sergeant who strikes up his first real friendship with one of the men in his outfit and then attempts to break up a love affair between the young soldier with a French girl.

• Lee Marvin has been signed to star in Paint Your Wagon, the Alan Jay Lerner production based on the Lerner and Loewe smash Broadway stage musical.

Paint Your Wagon is a musical tale set against the colorful background of a California Gold Rush in the 1870's.

• Kenneth Hyman, executive vice president of Warner, Bros.-Seven Arts, in charge of worldwide production, announces that a musical motion picture production of the life and times of William Shakespears, tentatively titled, The Bawdy Bard, is being planned. It will be in the $10 to $15 million class.

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TEHERAN-HONG KONG NOTEBOOK

by William Frankel

The Qantas flight to Australia has a rich selection of exotic stop-overs. My first was Teheran, still gaily lit at night by the recent coronation decorations. But morning showed the city drab, the decorations tawdry, the pavements and shops dusty, the main streets, though wide, had few fine buildings. They exist, but most are hidden behind high walls.

Some 70,000 Jews live in Iran, 45,000 in Teheran, the capital. Some hundreds are wealthy, a few thousand are the middle class who can care for themselves. But most Jews are very poor, indescribably poor.

Their centre is the Jewish ghetto, "the Mahaleh", where the squalor and poverty are overwhelming. The habitations (they cannot possibly be called homes) are caverns of crumbling bricks leading from a hole in the wall. I received varying estimates of the number of people living in these suppurating conditions. The highest figure was 30,000 but one community leader put it as low as 18,000.

Through an interpreter, I spoke to one Jewish woman outside her hovel. She was wearing the chadur, the long all-enveloping robe which all Iranian women formerly wore, though now abandoned by the more Westernised. She has five children, her husband is a heroin addict and she literally lives by the bounty of the American Joint Distribution Committee.

The situation, then, would be even worse - as it was even a decade ago - were it not for the Joint Distribution Committee and the dedication of its local officials. Jewish schools rely on the J.D.C. for meals, welfare services and other contributions to their budgets. The excellent kindergarten organised by devoted women leaders of the community depends on the J.D.C. for 80% of its budget. If the J.D.C. were to leave Iran, the Jewish institutions would simply collapse. The rich Iranian Jew has not, as yet, a tradition of big giving.

Western emigrants to Israel reconcile themselves to a decline in their living standards. But compared with the Mahaleh, the most primitive conditions in Israel would be paradise. Why, then, haven't all the Iranian Jews emigrated? In fact, some 50-60,000 did go to Israel, but the high Jewish birth rate has compensated for that emigration and the total Jewish population figures has remained comparatively static.

Part of the answer is the standards required by Jewish Agency policy. For good reasons they are reluctant to take medical or social cases. Families are large, and a family will not go to Israel and leave one of their members behind. The result is that the whole family stays.

Iran is a Moslem country and during and after the Six-Day War, the Jews were apprehensive of mob violence. There might well have been violence, but it was forestalled by efficient police activities based on effective intelligence services. The Moslem masses are anti-Israel and, inevitably, anti-Jewish. But the educated Iranian, who has always been unenthusiastic about President Nasser, was privately delighted with Israel's success - though it is not to be published in the streets of Iran.

A singing group in a Teheran cabaret burst into Hava Nagila in Hebrew. The large (predominantly Moslem) audience, for the first time in the show, joining in the singing in Hebrew. Only in Iran.

Judaism, as one of the four accepted religions in Iran, is allowed autonomy on matters of status. A Jew in Iran can therefore only marry or be divorced according to Jewish law. There is no civil marriage and if a Jew can't or doesn't wish to marry in synagogue, he becomes a Moslem. Intermarriage is increasing and one of the contributing factors is the extreme conservatism of the Iranian Rabbinate which has exclusive authority in administering Jewish law.

The office of Rabbi in Teheran is hereditary. There is no yeshiva and no seminary for their training. They have little or no secular education and their knowledge of Jewish law is generally limited to the traditions they have inherited. Rabbis have no salaries from synagogues or institutions but live on the fees for their religious services in marriages, divorces and kashrut.

Despite pressure, particularly by the educated and articulate Jewish women's organisation, and despite an agreement with Chief Rabbi Nissim of Israel to reform the situation, the local Rabbinate has kept its medieval attitudes for fear of opposition from the lay backwoodsmen. Jewish wives and daughters, therefore, still cannot inherit, the wife still cannot divorce her husband and the husband is free to be polygamous if he chooses.

Not unnaturally in such a religious environment, the young people I met were only vaguely concerned with Jewish life. Most are neither religious nor Zionist. One attractive and well-bred Jewish girl told me that she had more in common with, and would therefore prefer to marry, an Iranian non-Jew than, for instance, an American Jew.

After the squalor of Teheran, Hong Kong was the quintessence of the affluent society. The island of Hong Kong has great natural beauty, and the tall banks, office blocks and apartment houses rising up on the thickly-wooded hillside, make their own contribution to the scene, particularly when the lights are on at night. Kowloon, the other part of Hong Kong on the mainland, has no scenic attractions, but it is spruce and its main pride is a profusion of shops offering a cornucopia of merchandise at irresistibly low prices.

The outstanding figure of the Jewish community and one of the leading citizens of Hong Kong is Lawrence Kadoorie. His commercial and industrial interests are vast, among them the Peninsula Hotel, one of the finest and most efficient in the world. The Jewish community of about 100 families contains a number of newcomers who have tried to stimulate communal activity and have recently started Hebrew classes which are conducted by volunteers.

The young rabbi in this small community is a Sephardi from Tetuan, educated at Montefiore College, London, who met his Russian wife in Israel. In that respect at any rate, he is typical of Hong Kong's polyglot Jewish population. Rabbi Benhayon is popular with the young people, but few of the elders come to synagogue and I should imagine that the job of the Rabbi is sometimes frustrating. He showed me the "Ohel Leah" synagogue which has in its grounds the Jewish Social Club and the Rabbi's residence. It's astonishing that so small a community can maintain facilities of this standard. There are, of course, certain endowments (the synagogue itself was a gift from a Sassoon) and some of the wealthy members of the community pick up the bills for the rest.

Despite Hong Kong's conspicuous prosperity, sumptuous hotels, exquisite merchandise and 15% income tax, there is undoubtedly a feeling of insecurity among Europeans. Will Britain stay? If there is to be home rule, will Communist China take over? Jews, like other Europeans, are considering their future and some are leaving or planning to leave. Mr. Kadoorie, on the other hand, is unperturbed and a demonstration of this confidence is his enormously expensive new building going up in the busiest section of the city. But then the Kadoories have roots in Hong Kong while almost all the other Jews have come and gone.

NEW FRENCH-ISRAELI TRADE PACT WELCOMED

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French business and industrial circles are hoping that the agreement will have some effect in improving their position in the American market, where many firms have had their products boycotted by American Jewry, after President de Gaulle's November press conference.

Some leading exporters of perfume, textiles, fashions and leather goods have lost up to 20 per cent of their former business in America. They include such firms as Nina Ricci, Molyneux and other well-known names.

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France To lift embargo on aircraft?

Meanwhile, there is cautious optimism among Israeli military specialists in France about the possibility of a lifting of the embargo on the supply of military aircraft to Israel.

Observers note that the negotiation of aircraft sales to Iraq do not appear to be progressing with the speed which French circles had initially expected. There are a number of difficulties over the signing of a projected agreement for joint Franco-Iraqi exploitation of oil and sulphur resources in Iraq.

Cynics say this could explain the softening, at least in form if not essentials, of the President's stand. Others say that the general is being moved by inner political considerations and that he feels it necessary to try and recover some of his Jewish vote.

An interesting incident is the claim by M. Clostermann, a Gaullist deputy, that 22 Mirage aircraft were "loaned" to Israel shortly before the June war and that this was proof of President de Gaulle's friendship for Israel.

The truth appears to be that Israel put through a hurried order for the French aircraft shortly before the war and that this was met. But it was a purchase and not a loan.

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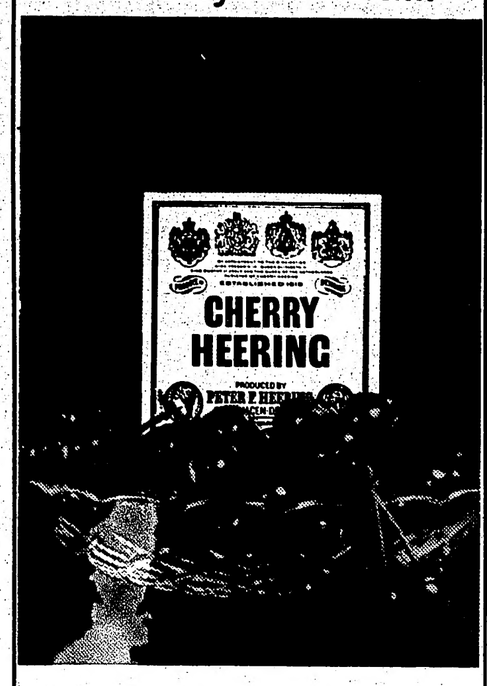

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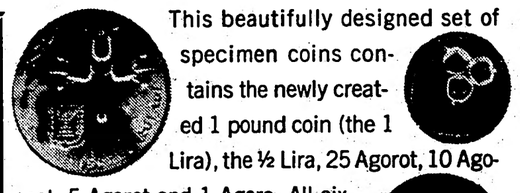

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Summing up de Gaulle

Paris

by J. Rabinovitch

Most French politicians and journalists are ready to accept that the quarrel between President de Gaulle and the Jews is over, at least for the time being. "The Jews are tough—they got the General to take back his words, something nobody else has achieved," is a typical comment.

French Jews are not so ready to write "finis" to this unhappy chapter. It is true, however, that many Gaullists among them are breathing more freely now that the President has let it be known officially that, if the Jews are "domineering," then, in his opinion, this is a compliment.

The attitude of officials, including the police, has also changed for the better since the new line issued from the Elysée Palace. But it looks as if the scars left by the Presidential press conference of November 27 last will remain a permanent feature of French Jewry.

Even the Chief Rabbi, Dr. Jacob Kaplan, harbours few illusions. "I reported what President de Gaulle said to me about his remarks. I did not express an opinion," he told me.

You will find few Jews who believe that the General intended to pay them a compliment with his comments on the Jewish character.

Most believe that he meant what he said, that he wanted to warn them against opposing his views and that, with a few well chosen words, he impressed upon them that they were still a minority community, exposed to official anger and governmental discrimination.

This lesson will remain, a fact appreciated by the Left-wing and anti-Zionist commentator, Jean Daniel, who, in analysing the consequences of the President's statement, remarked that he had succeeded in helping Zionism.

There is no shortage of psychological and political explanations for the General's action.

A favoured view is that the general's sensitive nerve was touched last summer when Baron Edmond de Rothschild issued a circular letter urging every French Jew to do his duty towards Israel by contributing to Zionist funds.

"It is a Jew's right to aid Israel, not his duty," remarked Gaullist commentators, raising the spectre of dual loyalties.

When Baron Edmond went to the President in an effort to induce him to amend his policy, the General replied angrily: "I do not discuss policy with you, you are a Frenchman!"

Jacobinism

Official French circles, curiously combining French logic, a touch of "Jacobinism" inherited from the centralising influence of the Revolution and a complete lack of imagination, took the attitude that Jews who were French citizens had no right to interfere in matters of Franco-Israeli relations—in effect, denying a citizen's right to express an opinion on his own country's foreign policy.

However, in reporting on his talk with the President, Chief Rabbi Kaplan was able to get across the General's gracious authorisation for French Jews to "take an interest" in Israel.

This was welcomed since, as one Zionist leader put it to me, "some Jews have indeed been frightened into not co-operating with us by the General's original warning."

But, if President de Gaulle has "corrected the wrong interpretation" of his comments on Jews, his exchange of letters with Mr. Ben-Gurion makes it clear that he has not moved one inch away from his hostile stand on Israel. To the contrary.

Strong language

While speaking in generally approving terms of a limited Zionist effort, observers note that his condemnation of the actions of the Eshkol Government is more violent and his language more blunt than in November.

By a shrewd use of language—his assurance that he remains a "friend and ally" of Israel—his criticism became more wounding: "objective and friendly," the French like to say.

This tactic may indeed be a better way of swaying opinion against Israel, something he failed to do with his original remarks.

There are also reports that the President was angered by what Gaullist circles term "undue pro-Israeli influence in the press" and that he asked for a report on what, in other times, one might term "Jewish leadership of public opinion."

It is a fact that pointed remarks have been made to editors displaying too much sympathy for Israel—with a more notably more telling effect on Jewish editors than on others.

At the same time, the Mirage embargo apart, Franco-Israeli projects are continuing undisturbed. "He could have been a much greater nuisance," one Israeli official remarked, when we reviewed various aspects of Franco-Israeli relations.

In practical terms, therefore, it would be incorrect to say that President de Gaulle has thrown in his lot with the Arabs.

He is trying strenuously to sit astride the fence, critical of Israeli policies and straining relations without breaking them.

The November press conference and its aftermath will loom large in the affairs of French Jewry for some considerable time to come.

BULLETINS

FRENCH AVIATION MANUFACTURER IN NEW ISRAEL VENTURE
Jerusalem (JCNS) Joseph Shidlovksy, the French-Jewish aeroplane manufacturer who is building an aircraft engine factory at Beit Shemesh in partnership with the Israeli Government, has decided to build there a metal moulds factory as an auxiliary plant.
The main plant is expected to go into operation in the second half of this year.

ISRAEL'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS
Jerusalem (JCNS) Israel's balance of payments situation improved in 1967 with a 9.5 per cent drop in imports and an 8.6 per cent increase in exports.
The deficit stood at $217m. during the year, compared with $335m in 1966. Imports in 1967 totalled $735m, as against $812m in 1966, and exports reached $ 518m. ($477m in 1966).

I.M.F. STUDY MISSION
Tel Aviv, (JCNS) — A five-man delegation from the International Monetary Fund, headed by Mr. P. Host-Madsen, was last week in Israel to study the state of the Israeli economy.

DEMISE

Leo Eber, founder and director of Eber's Furniture in Kitchener, died recently at the age of 67. The company continues under the direction of his associate, Jack Somer.
Before coming to Canada, Eber, who was born in Austria, operated a business for more than twenty years in Israel.
He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Miriam Borenstein of Toronto and Mrs. Ilana Klingbaum of Kitchener; four grandchildren; two brothers, Sigmund in England and Joseph in Israel; two sisters, Mrs. Fannie Dorf in Israel and Mrs. Toni Haber of New York City.
Rabbi Philip Rosensweig of Kitchener officiated at the funeral services.

CHOICE OF COURSES
Children in Montreal's Protestant schools will be offered a choice of Protestant, Jewish or non-sectarian courses. A committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress and of the Protestant school board are designing a Jewish course and a non-theological morals and ethics course. The committee includes three rabbis, three Jewish members of the Protestant school board and several officers of Congress.
Rabbi David Auerback of Congregation Shaar Shalom (Laval, Chomedy) disputed the school plan claiming that the Protestant school board cannot possibly offer adequate Jewish religious instruction in 20-minute daily periods. In his opinion, Jewish education must include Hebrew Language, history, customs and tradition, not merely prayers, hymns and scripture readings.

NEW MERGER
The Adath Yeshrun-Hadrath Kodesh Synagogue on Lavoie and Bourret has been joined by the Chevra Shass. A new synagogue will be built adjacent to the present one thus enlarging the seating capacity to two-thousand. The expansion program will start in the early spring.

SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE
The Hadassah convention, held at the Queen Elizabeth recently, scored a tremendous success. A highlight was the speech made by Israeli Premier Levi Eshkol.

PAVILION PRESENTED TO MAYOR
Man and His World, recently enriched by the addition of the Israeli Pavilion, was handed over to Mayor Drapeau by Levi Eshkol. It serves as a link of friendship between Canada and Israel, especially the Jewish communities.

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This first general safety law ever passed by Parliament places a general obligation on employers and employees working in industries under federal jurisdiction to observe appropriate safety and health standards.

FEATURES OF THE LAW

* It is broad in scope, providing for all the elements of a complete industrial safety program. * It is complementary to other enactments in the industrial safety field. * Its regulations will be developed in consultation with industry, unions and other interests. * It provides for basic research into causes and control of accidents, and for a continuing program of safety education. * It provides for inspection and enforcement.

WHO IS COVERED

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HUMAN RELATIONS

Father vs. mother

by Dr. Rose Franzblau

QUESTION:

I am 19, a college sophomore, considered quite attractive and intelligent.

My father is the most wonderful man in the world — wise, loving and intelligent. My mother, while intelligent and wonderful in many ways, is a child emotionally and is selfish, materialistic and hostile. My father has tried to help her, but she only becomes more defensive.

I felt very insecure because of their inharmonious relationship, and was always sorry for one or the other. However, now that I am begining to "find myself" this does not trouble me as much.

I have grown to know and love a close business associate of my father's. She is as wondeful a woman as my father is a man. They are very close. It has occurred to me that they may be having an affair. This is all well and good if they give each other the happiness they miss in their respective marriage. My mother gets very angry whenever I go to visit this woman, or have long discussions with my father.

What bothers me is that I always thought that I would be happier if only my parents had a good relationship, but now I would actually be disappointed if things were better.

ANSWER:

The image of the parent changes as the youngster grows. They are at first like gods in the child's life. The little girl sees her father as the ultimate in goodness, wisdom and strength and would like to have him all to herself. This causes certain hostilities towards the mother.

But she still loves her mother and desperately needs loving and protective care. She becomes a split personality in the little girl's mind, a loving mother-figure, on the one hand, and a fierce competitor, on the other.

In some cases, the child's guilt for wanting to take the father away from the mother is so great that she transforms him into the villain and becomes very hostile to him, while the mother is seen as a long-suffering martyr. But in identifying so completely with her mother, she becomes close to the father, deep down, by proxy.

These feelings go underground during the early school years, crop up again in one form or another during adolescence, and are usually resolved when the girl leaves the teen years.

Husbands will sometimes treat their wives like the oldest daughter in the family, seemingly sensing that they want to be looked after like a child. This may give the man a feeling of great strength and masculinity, but it is actually a demotion of the wife, and fosters competition with the daughters.

Constant fighting between parents in front of their child can become the most frightening experience in the youngster's life. What the child sees is the fighting, which is done in public, and not the loving, which is done in private. The child's development may be delayed by wishing that this fighting would break the parents apart, so that she might come in and take over the mother's place.

It is well that you are beginning to perceive the envy of your mother that you have had all these years. It may be that fantasying your father as having an affair with this woman colleague is a way of getting back at your mother. By becoming so close to her yourself and "loving" her as much as you say you do you have in a way chosen a mother-substitute. But even more, by making her into this wonderful woman you say she is, you are identifying with her and also loving her for playing the part in your fantasy that you want to play in your father's life.

Behind your mother's anger there may be a perception on her part that your attachement to this woman is based on immature and unhealthy motives. She senses that you are playing her and this outsider against each other, and that your adoration of her is supposed to carry the suggestion that your mother is inferior and undesiderable.

It is good that you are begining to "find" yourself and accept the fact that others find you intelligent and attractive. When you give your father and mother back to each other, and remove yourself emotionally and through your fantasies from undue involvment in their private lives, you will begin to fill up your life with the realities of socializing and dating that will lead to a love of your own, and to marriage.

The wedding, by Marc Chagall, 1911

An impressive Chagall exhibit is now shown at Toronto's Kar Gallery.

Heaters - no heaters at all...

(JCNS) Thousands of immigrants, few of them with any knowledge of Hebrew, are facing legal action, confiscation of their household goods by bailiffs or even arrest as the result of fraudulent activities by an agent of Diyur La'oleh, the housing organisation of the Jewish Agency.

The agent persuaded the immigrants to sign hire-purchase agreements for electric heaters, which turned out to be defective, in many cases, second-hand and painted over, in others badly installed and dangerous to use, according to Israeli press reports.

In some cases the heaters were not supplied at all, but payment was demanded from the victims and bills presented for collection all the same.

Details of a large-scale commercial operation by an unscrupulous agent, who won the confidence of recent immigrants using the names of the Jewish Agency and the Israel Electric Corporation, were made public by the heads of the Better Business Bureau two years ago.

The B.B.B. stated that the Jewish Agency and the Electric Corporation had known for a year that the agent was supplying shoddy goods, but had taken no action. Over a hundred criminal charges brought against the supplier, now acting under his own name, were voided by the June amnesty, leaving him free to continue his activities, according to a B.B.B. spokesman. He said that no action had been taken to try and halt the legal proceedings brought by the agent against his victims for non-payment.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

CHEESE FONDUE

1|2 pound Gruyere or Swiss cheese
1 1|2 tablespoons flour
1 clove garlic, split
1 cup Neuchatel or other dry Swiss white wine
Salt and freshly ground pepper
3 tablespoons kirsch, or to taste
1 crusty loaf of French bread, cut into bite-size pieces

Cut the cheese into tiny cubes or shred it. Toss it into the flour. Rub the inside of a heatproof, glazed earthenware casserole with garlic and add wine. Place casserole on an alcohol stove or other burner with an adjustable fame. When heated to a point below boiling where air bubbles rise to the surface, stir with a fork and add cheese, a handful at a time. Let each handful melt before adding another. Add salt and pepper and finally stir in the kirsh.

Furnish each person with a fondue fork for piercing bread to drip into the bubbling fondue. If fondue becomes too thick, it may be thinned with a little preheated dry white wine. Toward the end some of the melted cheese will form a brown crust on the bottom. This can be lifted out with a fork and is delicious.

Yeld: 2 to 6 servings.

ALL ALIKE

by Ruthie

Whether it's aggravation or otherwise, it's satisfying to know that all families have the same tsorres (troubles). Like when the kids won't listen. Or your husband does this or doesn't do that.

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The other Wednesday night my mahj group started chewing the rag during coffee.

(As a matter of fact, why do you think we meet? To play? Partly yes. But the nicest part is after when the hostess serves and we talk—just talk, nothing important.)

So the conversation led to housekeeping. And this led to what share is whose in the house, which led to everybody airing her grievances.

And you know? It's good to feel you're not alone; we all have the some problems.

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Said the hostess: "It's murder here. I have to rush through this, take care of that before anybody comes. "This morning I decided to let Judy's things stay on the floor. Was her room a mess! I could talk till I'm blue in the face. But ess helft nisht (it doesn't help). So today I said, this is it.

"But could I? I wish she gets married already."

Chimed in one of the girls, "Just like by me. You can spit blood. It's like talking to the wall. All you get is, "Ma, for Pete's sake, stop nagging."

"So I stop nagging. It helps?"

Said another, "It's like talking to deaf ears.

"Look, I plead, Mrs. Reich's son makes his bed every morning before he goes to school. And he puts things away. He feels for his mother.

"So you think it bothers mine? She looks blank and says, 'That queer? Everybody knows he's a mama's baby.'

"So go do something. You thank God they let you feed them and clothe them."

I sat and smiled. I was getting an earful. I wouldn't air my pet peeves. I just sat and listened. Only I was glad I wasn't alone. You know what I mean.

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Then, I don't know how, the topic got on to husbands.

"My husband," said one, "is wonderful, he should live and be well. Only, when he's in the kitchen I could scream.

"He thinks he's helping me when he takes a cup of coffee. Nu, so when he takes the kettle to the sink to fill it up, he lets the cord trail behind."

'So pick the end up,' I yell. You want someone should trip?'

"You think he listens? And then the cup and saucer could stay on the table till doomsday.

"I'd rather give it to him myself already."

"You think mine is different?" confided another. "I plead with him to shake the snow off his boots before he comes in. Nu, so first he walks in and then he remembers.

"So instead of being mad I have to be glad he thought of it."

Said a third, "I try so hard to make a nice home. You think he cares? He always says never mind the house; only I should be healthy.

"So how can I be healthy if the house is a mess?"

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And that's how the night went.

All in all, though, we should be grateful our husbands love us, they don't run around, they work hard.

As for the children. Well, they're honest, they stand up to an emergency, they're not hippies, they confide in us.

As long as we don't have big troubles—that's what counts.

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GENERAL MEET

P.T.A. of Associated Heberw Schools will hold a general meeting on Tuesday evening, January 30th, in the school auditorium, chaired by Mrs. N. Rasky. The program revolves around the theme, Students in Concert. The school orchestra will perform under the baton of Mr. R. W. Oades. Pupils will render excerpts from, The Chalk Garden, by Edith Bagnoll, directed by Mrs. Roxanne Fines. Mrs. M. Scheid will explain a colorful tour of Israel through song and dance. David Frankel and his Clarinet Quartet will perform.

HELD MEET

Women's League of Beth Jacob High and Teachers College met recently. Mrs. Lillian Bobrowsky presided in the absence of the president. Mrs. Eileen Fuerst, secretary, read the minutes. Mrs. Celia Schmertz reported on the tea. Mrs. Miriam Nussbaum gave a progress report on the annual auction sale to be held in March.

Mrs. Edith Hochler chaired the program of the evening, a panel discussion entitled: Can You Top This? Panelists were Mesdames Anne Botnick, Toba Blitz, Judy Epstein. Winners of the 200-a-month club were Mesdames Farbiaz, S. Nussbaum, C. Sussman.

Last week the League tendered a weight watchers luncheon.

FESTIVE MEET

Beth Tikva Sisterhood held a festive Hanuka meeting. Entertainment was under the direction of Gail Clebanoff.

Recently the Sisterhood held its first Hanuka Institute. Mrs. Linda Segal led in the blessings over the lighting of the cantles; Rabbi Feder recounded the historical background of Hanuka. Demonstration were given in the preparing of salads and sandwiches and the decoration of cookies. Mrs. Bayla Abrams made ornaments and decoration for the home; Mrs. Rochelle Baum reviewed books pertaining to the holiday.

WORLD MEET

The World ORT Union meets in Geneva this Sunday and Monday. Mrs. Henry Kingstone of Toronto, president, women's Canadian ORT, is one of the ladies representing Canada at the convention.

KAPLAN-GAL. — Mr. and Mrs. F. Gal of Montreal are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter **Shoshana** to **Abraham**, son of Rabbi and Mrs. Moshe Kaplan of Toronto.

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ANOTHER COLOR

An Israeli who recently has returned from Vienna ralates that a small Austrian newspaper had appeared especially friendly to Israel during the war until it suddenly changed completely and became virulently anti-Israel.

When they were asked what had caused them to change their minds, the editor answered:

"We never knew they were Jews."

ILLUSION

This report from one who returned from the Gaza Strip:

He got to talking with a boy of about—sixteen who said in tones of the deepest conviction: "Ah well, but Mussa Dayan really is an Arab, you see."

THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE

A real estate speculator in Tel Aviv was talking to a friend in the street.

"I continue to be the eternal optimist," he said, pointing to a new flat building under construction. "In spite of the crisis, I am going ahead with my plans. The third story of this building already is rented."

"How can you rent the third story when the second isn't finished yet?"

"You don't seem to understand," replied the speculator. "It is the rental of the third story which will enable me to erect the second."

CAN'T BE BEAT

Mischa Elman, violin virtuoso, sat in the lobby of the big hotel. Along came a boy and asked him for his autograph. After getting it, the boy asked for another one. He got that too.

"May I please have one more?"

"What for? You already have two."

"Well, sir," said the lad. "There's a kid in my block who told me he would take three Elmans for one Heifetz."

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CELLMATE

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A very changed Shutkov returned to the ship. The shock of the discoveries during the stay in his native village had started him thinking and questioning the image of Stalin as the "father and leader of peoples." From that time on, there was a lot of discussion among the sailors. Their young minds were filled with doubt and perplexity. My cellmate, an intelligent and impressionable youth, was very much affected by all this. He took to listening to foreign radio programs transmitted in Russian. He lost faith completely in the Russian press. And so, in their, troubled searchings, they also discussed, if only briefly, the possibility of escape to Darien.

It eases my suffering to have another human being at my side, someone to look at, listen and talk to; not to have to stare at the four gray walls, or the lonely cot upon which my sick and feverish mind would conjure up in solitude the faces from my past, gives me a feeling of peace and well-being.

In the meantime, I am not called to any hearings. The wound I had inflicted upon myself is healing, and there is no more pain. I feel almost good. The sailor is pleasant and interesting company. He knows by heart Pushkin's "Eugene Oniegin" and recites long passages of it when getting up in the morning, or going to sleep at night. He is conversant with many of the Russian classics. He is also familiar with Soviet law and explains to me the legal aspects of my case, pointing out the sly tricks of my investigator.

He further tells me that any day now I will again be called for questioning and that it is because of my sucide attempt that I am enjoying the momentary respite. He adds that from now on I will never be placed in a cell by myself although I will soon be moved from here, and moved repeatedly from cell to cell. This way I will meet many inmates, most of them very interesting people, and neither mental anguish nor physical pain will be so hard to endure.

My young friend perfects my knowledge of the tap language, the prisoner's morse code, and shows me how to make fire by rubbing a piece of absorbent cotton on the cement floor of the cell. He also teaches me other things which make prison life more bearable.

As predicted, the hearings were resumed and continued endlessly. If possible, the pace was quickened, the attitude much harsher and the psychological attacks became more frequent. I faced as many as five investigators at the same time, and was often confronted with witnesses who confirmed my nationalistic tendencies. Some of them were rather tragic figures who after having testified, apparently under duress, tried with tears in their eyes to disavow their statements, only to have to retract the dictates of their conscience under the threat of legal persecution for perjury.

During this period I was sentenced to a day in the dungeon as punishment for bold answers. However, except for this day, I was never again alone, as my friend had foretold, but I never got to know any of my cellmates well before being moved to the next cell.

Man somehow adjusts to his situation, no matter haw tragic, painridden and hopeless it may be. Between hearings we can talk to each other and many a life story is unfolded. We observe and learn, and become adept at analyzing our fellowmen. Freequent wall-tapping keeps us in touch with our neighbors, gives us news and brings us up to date on the progress of their affairs. If ever an informer is discovered among us, a warning is immediately flashed throughout the prison.

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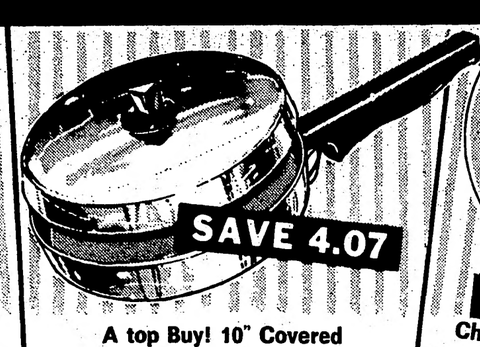

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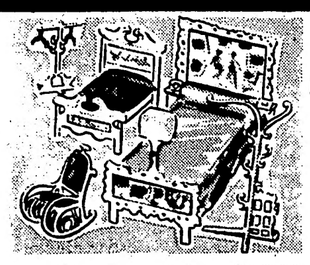
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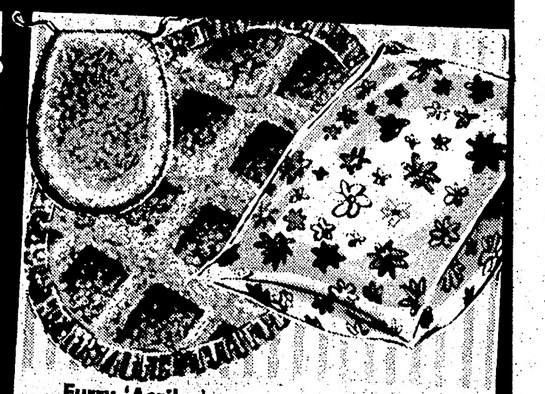
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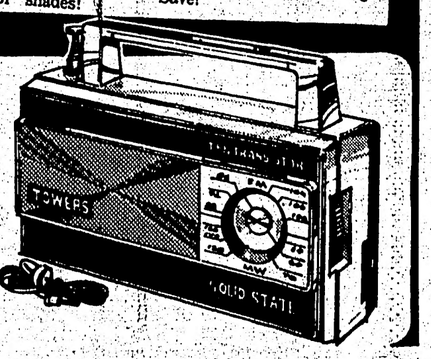
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